(ग) क्या सरकार ने उन शिकायतों की जांच करके उन पर कोई कार्यवाही की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (घ) अपेक्षित जानकारी संबंधित सर्किलों से एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Vacation of premises occupied by MTNL in Bombay

2548. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1368 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Bombay have since procured/constructed alternative accommodation in order to vacate Kalana Buildings on 33rd Khar, Bombay;

(b) if not, what are the efforts made so far or being made by the MTNL, Bombay in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have drawn any time bound programme for the vacation of the said premises and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A temporary shed is proposed to be constructed in Vile Parle Exchange Building Compound. The tenders for the same have already been finalised and the work awarded recently.

(c) The construction of temporary shed is expected to be completed in about six months and thereafter shifting will take place in about two months time.

Checking the wrong numbers in Hyderabad Telecom

2549. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any apparatus has been installed in Hyderabad Telecom to correct the frequency of "Wrong Number";

(b) if so, the details of such system to reduce "Wrong Numbers"; and

(c) whether there has been any improvement in this aspect of telephone functioning in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Hyderabad, majority of the telephones are working from electronic exchanges where there is virtually no scope of getting wrong numbers.

पोस्ट-कार्ड की बर्बादी और उपलब्धता

2550. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मैट्रो-चैनल और जी. टी.वी. तथा रेडियो पर प्रसारित विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में घोषित इनामों के लालच में लाखों पोस्टकार्ड प्रतिदिन बर्बाद हो रहे हैं और पोस्ट-कार्ड छापन का प्रयोजन ही पूरा नहीं हो पाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पोस्टकार्ड की लागत और विक्रय-मूल्य को देखते हुए

इसकी बर्बादी को रोकने एवं जरुरतमंद लोगों, विशेषकर ग्रामीण लोगों को इसकी उपलब्धता शीघ्र सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रमों के दर्शक और रेडियो के प्रसारण के श्रोता ऐसे कार्यक्रमों में घोषित विभिन्न पुरुस्कारों के लिए पोस्टकार्ड का बहुत बडी संख्या में इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं ।

(ख) दूरदर्शन और रेडियों कार्यक्रमों के जवाब देने के प्रयोजन से पोस्टकार्डो के इस्तेमाल पर, समयानुसार परिवर्तनशील दर सहित पोस्टकार्डो का कार्यकरण करके ध्यान देना होगा ।

Reservation bensfits to SC/ST

2551. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST employees, category-wise were promoted under TBOP and BCR schemes and percentage with reference to total No. of employees promoted, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for which the Supreme Court decision dated the 29th August, 1988 was not implemented by the Postal and Telecom Deptt. providing promotion on completion of 12 years service as time bound for SC|ST employees also;

(c) why the SC/ST employees of Postal and Telecom Deptts. had been kept out of purview of reservation policy for the period from 30th November, 1983 to 29th August, 1988 and how they will be provided reservation benefits during the intermittent period; and

(d) whether reservation for SC/ST employees has been implemented in promotions from HSG II to HSGI i.e. posts having scale of as 2000-3200?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Supreme Court did not specifically direct that SC/ST empoyees should be given promotion on completion of 12 years of service. In the operative paragraph of their judgement dated 29-8-1988 they directed the Government to issue an order with prospective effect conferring some additional advantage on the employees belonging to SC/ST in the Department. In pursuance thereof a 40 point roster was introduced for promotion under TBOP scheme with a stipulation that if sufficient number of SC/ST candidates having 16 years of service are not available points, SC/ST candidates with less than 16 years should be given promotion subject to the condition that they have rendered minimum period of service laid down in the relevant recruitment rules which were operative before the introuction of time bound promotion scheme, which is 10 years and 17 years for promotion to Lower Selection Cadre and Higher Selection Grade II respectively.

(c) It was not the intention to exclude the SC/ST employees from getting promotion. No special mention regarding people with lesser years to be promoted was made in the original order of 1983 which were issued in consultation with the staff as it was considered that all elegible SC|ST candidates would get promotion along with others. With the second promotion also being there with provision for reservation for SC/ST candidates, it is not necessary at this